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Members of the Business, Economic Development, and Labor Appropriations Subcommittee

Re: Update on Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan

Chairs and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to update this committee on the progress to-date on S.B. 115, Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan Act ("STEP"). The attached chart outlines the key benchmarks enacted in the STEP legislation, the progress so far, and anticipated future action.

I hope this summary is helpful. Please contact me if you would like additional information on this or any other PSC issue. You can reach me at tleva@utah.gov or at (801) 530-6929.

Sincerely,

Thad LeVar, Chair
Public Service Commission of Utah

**S.B. 115 - Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan (“STEP”) Act
Public Service Commission (“PSC”) Key Benchmarks
September 21, 2016**

Benchmark	Statute	Progress as of September 21, 2016
<u>May 10, 2016</u> – S.B. 115 Effective Date		
<u>June 1, 2016</u> –Energy Balancing Account (“EBA”): 100% recovery of difference between forecast and actual costs.	54-7-13.5(2)(d)	PSC Docket 16-035-T05 : Tariff sheets making this change were filed by Rocky Mountain Power (“RMP”) on April 14, 2016, and approved by the PSC on May 25, 2016.
<u>December 31, 2016</u> – Expiration of the Utah solar incentive program.	54-7-12.8(4)	PSC Docket 16-035-36 : Filed by RMP on Sept. 12, 2016, initial scheduling conference on Sept. 21, 2016.
<u>January 1, 2017</u> – Combined line-item charge on customer bills for Demand Side Management and STEP.	54-7-12.8(3)	PSC Docket 16-035-36 : Filed by RMP on Sept. 12, 2016, initial scheduling conference on Sept. 21, 2016.
<u>July 1, 2017</u> – Implementation of a program to promote customer choice in electric vehicle charging equipment and services.	54-20-103(1)	PSC Docket 16-035-36 : Filed by RMP on Sept. 12, 2016, initial scheduling conference on Sept. 21, 2016.
<u>July 1, 2017</u> – Implementation of a program to investigate, analyze, and research clean coal technology.	54-20-104(1)	PSC Docket 16-035-36 : Filed by RMP on Sept. 12, 2016, initial scheduling conference on Sept. 21, 2016.
<u>No Date Certain</u> – PSC may approve additional innovative programs as outlined in the statute.	54-20-105(1)	PSC Docket 16-035-36 : Filed by RMP on Sept. 12, 2016, initial scheduling conference on Sept. 21, 2016.
<u>No Date Certain</u> – PSC may approve a renewable energy tariff for customers whose load exceeds five megawatts.	54-17-806	PSC Docket 16-035-T09 : Filed by RMP on June 17, 2016, approved by the PSC on August 18, 2016.
<u>December 1, 2017</u> – PSC report to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee on EBA: 100% recovery of difference between forecast and actual costs.	54-7-13.5(6)	RMP should file its annual request to “true-up” the EBA in March 2017, for calendar year 2016 (50% pre-S.B. 115, 50% post-S.B. 115). This docket should conclude by October, and will largely become the basis for this report.
<u>December 1, 2018</u> – PSC report to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee on EBA: 100% recovery of difference between forecast and actual costs.	54-7-13.5(6)	RMP should file its annual request to “true-up” the EBA in March 2018 for calendar year 2017 (100% post-S.B. 115). These dockets should conclude by October, and will largely become the basis for this report.
<u>December 30, 2019</u> – Repeal of EBA: 100% recovery of difference between forecast and actual costs.	63I-1-254(2)	The December 2017 and December 2018 PSC reports will be intended to assist the Legislature on this issue.
<u>January 25, 2021</u> – PSC report to the Utah Legislature on STEP.	54-20-106	This report will be informed by STEP activity over the next four years.